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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

The references are listed in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith. The references were identified in a Japanese Office Action dated August 24, 2010 issued in Japanese Patent Application No. 2007-506646 related to the instant application by priority.

With regard to JP 8509669, WO 2003/027952 and U.S. 6,214,443, which documents are cited in the noted Japanese Office Action, Applicant has refrained from citing those documents

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herein as they were previously identified in a prior IDS in this case. With regard to the Japanese Patent JP 3223781-A cited herein, it should be noted that U.S. Patent No. 5,200,253 is an English language equivalent and is thereby cited herein. Additionally, with regard to Japanese Patent Publication JP 2002-542076, U.S. Published Patent Application 2001/013283 A1 is also an English language equivalent and is therefore also cited herein.

Furthermore, it should be noted that in the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 8, 2007, a typographical error listed International Published Patent Application "WO 01/0345", however, this was an error and should have been listed as "WO 01/03945 A1". Accordingly, Applicant has resubmitted this IDS properly listing this reference for consideration by the Examiner.

Applicants are not aware of any other references to be identified at this time. If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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